has been reiterated. The Kelkar Committee has been set up by the Department of Chemicals as per norms set by them.

Drugs required for National Health Programme

4228 SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 306 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs under the Eight National Health Programme recommended for price control;

(b) what are the names of those drugs under Eight Programmes, which have not been recommended for price control;

(c) what are the reasons for exclusion of each of the drugs from price control;

(d) what are the purchases of each of the omitted drugs for National Health Programmes during the last year and current year till dates;

(e) what were their purchase price under DPCO, 1979 and what is their purchase price now; and

(f) to what extent the exchequer is likely to be affected by such price increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A list of Drugs recommended for the 8 National Programmes is annexed (*vide* unstarred Question 4199 *supra*).

Iodine salts and the vaccines don't figure under category I of the Drug Prices Control Order. Iodine salts being considered as food items has been dropped out. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has reiterated its recommendations for inclusion of Sera and Vaccine required for the EPI Programme.

(d) Information is being compiled and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

(e) and (f) Price fixation of drugs and formulations is carried out by Bureau of Industrial Cost and Pricing (BICP) under Ministry of Industry.

Shifting of Rifampicin to category-II

4229. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1996 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the various sources which recommended/requested his ministry for Shifting of Rifampicin from category-I to category-II and what were the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the reasons that only Rifampicin was singled out and Pyrazinanide Dapsone and Atropimets in category-I were not considered for the purpose;

(c) whether this recommendation is in contravention of Government's decision; and

(d) what are the reasons that all drugs of category-I have not been reviewed before shifting to category-II?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Representation was received to consider de-categorisation of Rifampicin and not other anti-T.B. Drugs by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This representation was examined and necessary recommendation was sent by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to the concerned Ministry.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had examined Re-categorisation of those drugs under Category-I for which representations were received

Drugs required for National Family Welfare Programme

4230. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH